

**MISSOURI**

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**Joplin, MO Tornado**

**NEW Update** Joplin National Service Situation Report: May 31, 2001

Four members of the CNCS Disaster Cadre have been deployed to Joplin, MO to assist with coordinating CNCS programs on the ground, integrating new teams into disaster recovery activities. FEMA and state officials in Missouri have requested CNCS staff support to assist with on the ground operations including providing support for deployed AmeriCorps service projects and national service members. Cadre activities will include project development, logistical support, safety assurance, coordination among voluntary agencies and support in the various federal and inter-agency disaster offices

- CNCS Disaster Cadre deployed:
  - Kevin Rumery, NCCC Southwest Region Unit Leader
  - Will Chrysanthos, Eli Segal Fellow (HQ)
  - Patti Stengel, MO/KS State Program Specialist, Kansas City, MO
  - Bill Dillon, WA/AK State Program Specialist, Seattle, WA
- Working task areas:
  - Kevin Rumery is working as Cadre lead and coordinating with FEMA and other CNCS partners in the mission. He will maintain overall mission situational awareness and coordinate needs for future assets.
  - Will Chrysanthos is working on gathering service stories and capturing multimedia content from members and other volunteers about AmeriCorps. He will house with teams at the United Methodist Church in Carl Junction and act as liaison with that sponsor to nurture the relationship. He is the designated PIO for coordination with HQ publicity efforts.
  - Bill Dillon is working to identify and track CNCS assets (teams) assigned to MO. He will maintain our deployment "snapshot" and coordinate with Bruce Bailey regarding rotations, strength, durations and dates of deployment, and any operational needs.
  - Patti Stengel is working closely with FEMA Lead VAL James Woodworth to provide information capture and coordinate VOAD/COAD meetings.
- Work Location:
  - FEMA does not currently have a JFO/AFO in Joplin. The Disaster Cadre are working out of the Billingsly Student Center on the Missouri Southern State University Campus. This is also where the Volunteer Reception Center and many of the AmeriCorps members are located. FEMA is currently seeking facilities to establish an AFO, but this may not happen this week
- Presidential Visit:
  - Several NCCC and St. Louis safety Corps AmeriCorps members represented AmeriCorps at the Joplin, MO memorial service on 5/29/11, which was also attended by President Obama.
  - President Obama had the opportunity to meet with a small group of AmeriCorps members from HEAL Arkansas and unaffiliated volunteers as he toured the disaster zone. The President shook hands with all the volunteers and a series of staged photos were taken by a White House photographer. Will Chrysanthos has forwarded the contact info for that photographer to HQ.

- Activity over Memorial Day Weekend
  - A tremendous number of volunteers are present in Joplin. On Saturday, May 29, there were 3,187 unaffiliated volunteers registered through the Volunteer Reception Center. Per Bruce Bailey, total number of unaffiliated volunteer hours so far is over 27,000 as of Saturday (excluding national service hours)
  
- Current Status of Programs: 98 members in Joplin
 

○ AmeriCorps St. Louis	25	Joplin
○ NCCC Southwest Region	43	Joplin
○ Washington Conservation Corps	12	Joplin
○ Minnesota Conservation Corps	10	Joplin
○ American YouthWorks	8	Joplin
○ Hoopa TCCC	11	SE MO (Morehouse)
  
- AmeriCorps Members are engaged in a range of activities including operating the missing person hotline, establishing the volunteer reception center, managing a donations warehouse, coordinating volunteers, and clearing debris\*
  
- Planned Rotations:
  - 2 new NCCC teams from the Southwest Region will deploy from Denver, CO and Madison, AL, respectively, and are expected to arrive in Joplin on Wednesday, June 1. Washington Conservation Corps and Hoopa TCCC have rotations pending.
  
- AmeriCorps St Louis and ERT are the lead in managing the volunteer effort in Joplin. Members from NCCC and other programs are being integrated into teams covering multiple function areas to include: Missing Persons, Donations, Volunteer Reception Center, Field teams leading volunteers, maintaining AmeriCorps presence at the Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC), and supporting Safe and Well functions with American Red Cross.
  
- National service tasks have been focused on search and recovery efforts and with debris removal, though some direct assistance to homeowners has started.
  
- AmeriCorps coordinates at least 500 volunteers a day, although, earlier in the week the number was closer to 1,000.
  
- There are 20,000 logged volunteers through the volunteer reception center and United Way.
  
- Bruce Bailey of AmeriCorps St. Louis hosted FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate Alex Amparo Senior Advisor David Myers DHS Director of Faith based Initiatives a, tour of affected area in Joplin, MO. Fugate also met with responding AmeriCorps members.

*\* Note: Safety considerations continue to remain a top priority. Every effort and precaution is being taken to ensure National Service Participants, AmeriCorps Members , non-profits, unaffiliated volunteers, federal partners , etc are performing duties in a hazard free environment. The EPA is on site monitoring air quality and other potential hazards on a daily basis.*

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**NEW FEMA Mission Assignment: Hoopa TCCC AmeriCorps  
Morehouse, MO**

**Deployed: May 22, 2011**

The Hoopa TCCC is working Morehouse responding to the disaster caused by the late April flooding in Southeast Missouri.

**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Emergency Response Team**

**Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 2-June 6th**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams were redeployed from St. Louis to Joplin, MO to assist with disaster relief efforts in partnership with the AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team, Washington Conservation Corps, TCCC HOOPA. AmeriCorps members are helping to set up Disaster Recovery Centers and starting the process of debris removal.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Emergency Response Team**

**Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: Monday, May 24, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed from Denver and these AmeriCorps members are helping to set up Disaster Recovery Centers and starting the process of debris removal.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Emergency Response Team**

**Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: Tuesday, May 31, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams will deploy from Denver and these AmeriCorps members are helping to set up Disaster Recovery Centers and starting the process of debris removal.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team Supporting  
Joplin, MO**

**Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 22, 2011**

AmeriCorps St. Louis members deployed late 5/22/2011 to Joplin, MO to clear roads and handle other high priority response.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: Washington Conservation Corps**

**Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 22, 2011**

The Washington Conservation Corps redeployed from St. Louis to Joplin to assist with disaster recovery.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: Minnesota Conservation Corps  
Joplin, MO**

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: American Youth Works**

**Joplin, MO**

**To Be Deployed**

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: CNCS Disaster Cadre Deployment**

**Joplin, MO**

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**RSVP**

**Joplin, MO**

RSVP volunteers are helping around the Joplin area with recovery. Some RSVP volunteers lost their lives in the tornado.

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**HEAL AR AmeriCorps Program**

**Joplin, MO**

Ten members of the HEAL Arkansas AmeriCorps program will be deploying to Joplin, MO to assist with disaster relief work.

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**AmeriCorps Program in Purdy, MO**

**Joplin, MO**

Members of an AmeriCorps Program funded by the Missouri State Commission were deployed to Joplin, MO to assist with disaster relief work.

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**National Center for Appropriate Technology AmeriCorps National Direct**

**Joplin, MO**

Members of the NCAT AmeriCorps National Direct program in Northwest Arkansas have deployed to assist their neighbors in Joplin, MO.

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**St. Louis Flooding and Tornadoes-April 22, 2011**

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**St. Louis Situation Update (As of Friday, May 6, 2011)**

- AmeriCorps St. Louis is fully mobilized and providing support to meet challenges arising from both disaster events that have far exceeded local capacities
- An operational base has been established at the United Way of Greater St. Louis, to provide support for multi-agency coordination and collaboration, and to enable the use of 211 to intake needs from the disaster affected public and referral to helping resources.
- Base camp established in the Village of Riverview at the Lutheran Community Center to house and support responding out-of-state helping resources.
- All of the above resources are being coordinated with several volunteer and faith-based groups including All Hands Volunteers, Missouri United Methodist Disaster Relief Team, Lutheran Disaster Response, NECHAMA Jewish Disaster Response and the Salvation Army. Many corporations have supplied organized groups of volunteers to assist.

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**AmeriCorps VISTA**

AmeriCorps VISTA members in Popular Bluff, MO are currently working at the local coliseum, signing up and organizing volunteers to help at an evacuation shelter.

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**Washington State Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team**

**St. Louis, MO**

Southwestern Airlines has donated 12 round trip tickets and the 12 members of the Washington State Conservation Corps will be coming to St. Louis to conduct debris removal.

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**AmeriCorps\*National Preparedness and Response Corps (NPRC)**

Members have deployed with the American Red Cross to support response efforts in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and North Carolina:

- Two members from the Grant Woods Area Chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA are performing client casework in Jackson, MS. One member from the American Red Cross in Greater New York Chapter in New York, NY is working as a Shelter Manager at a shelter in Fayetteville, NC.
- Four members from the Southeast Louisiana Chapter in New Orleans, LA are serving as caseworkers in two locations: two in Oklahoma, and two in Mississippi.

Family Resource Center. The team assisted with debris cleanup, donations sorting and distribution and other tasks as needed.

**ALABAMA**

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**Tornados-April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Atlantic Region**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 23, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams of 20 members and one staff member were deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL where they will be supporting the State Disaster Warehouse.

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**NCCC Southwest Region and United Saints Recovery Project**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 17, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed to work on volunteer coordination, supply distribution, home repairs, and other necessary tasks.

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**NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

**Madison, AL**

**Deployed: May 16, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team was deployed to Madison, AL, to conduct feeding operations, supply distribution, and other necessary tasks, with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Bay Area Food Bank**

**Theodore, AL**

**Deployed: May 18, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team will be deployed to work on food donation management in Theodore, Alabama.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 16, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams were deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services on organizing donations, loading and unloading trucks, client assistance, clerical duties, and other general disaster relief tasks.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Alabama Service Commission, Hands On Disaster Services**

**Deployed Thursday, May 5, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region has been deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL teams to help support the Tuscaloosa Volunteer Reception Center and run a donations warehouse.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 17, 2011**

Four AmeriCorps NCCC Teams from the Atlantic Region deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services setting up warehousing operations for up to 12 different warehouse locations.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: Washington Conservation Corps**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**To be deployed: May 24, 2011**

One Washington Conservation Corps AmeriCorps crew of 10 and 2 supervisors will be deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL where they will be assisting low-income, disabled, and elderly applications with debris removal from private property.

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**Situation Update (as of 5/19/2011) from the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

The Alabama Commission has been activated at Level 1 at the State Emergency Operations Center has been since April 27, 2011. On Monday May 9, 2011 operations began to transition to the Joint Field Office in Birmingham. Additionally the Commission is:

- Alabama Commission staff is embedded at the FEMA Joint Field Office and coordinating efforts with their FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL).

- Coordinating VRC (VRCs listed at [www.ServeAlabama.gov](http://www.ServeAlabama.gov)) coverage for the State in partnership with the Alabama VOAD.
- Providing coverage to t27 Disaster Recovery Centers
- Participating on the joint state/federal housing task force as housing Volunteer Florida staff are supporting the Joint Field Office (Birmingham) working with GFBCI staff on VRC support and transition planning to Long Term Recovery.
- Volunteer Florida and Serve Louisiana have provided consultation and materials to support the AL Commission inventory in some affected areas is almost non-existent.

Volunteers can register at 211 or by visiting [www.ServeAlabama.gov](http://www.ServeAlabama.gov)

Donations can be made by visiting [www.ServeAlabama.gov](http://www.ServeAlabama.gov) (the Commission utilizes Aidmatrix (the National Donations Management System)).

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#### **Volunteer and Information Center VISTA**

- The Volunteer and Information Center VISTA project deployed 4 staff and 1 AmeriCorps VISTA member to set up and coordinate a VRC for the Cullman County area. 2,341 volunteers have been registered, safety trained and dispatched into the affected area.
- VIC staff and the VISTA member trained the United Way staff in Cullman and volunteers to run and manage the VRC after the project left on Sunday evening. The sponsor worked closely with the Cullman County EMA director and Cullman City officials to identify needs and coordinate volunteer service of the thousands of (SUV's) Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers who arrived wanting to help.
- A total of 13,944 volunteer hours were provided in Cullman County from noon April 29<sup>th</sup> until 6pm on Sunday.

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#### **Volunteer and Information Center AmeriCorps\*VISTA**

- 5 staff and 2 AmeriCorps VISTA members were deployed to Elmore County, AL. Staff and VISTA members set-up the Volunteer Reception Center.
- 527 volunteers were registered, provided safety training and deployed into the affected area. A total of 2,108 volunteer hours were provided by spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers in the Elmore County disaster response effort from 12 Noon until 5pm on April 28.

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#### **United Way of Central Alabama/Hands On Birmingham AmeriCorps\*VISTA Birmingham, AL**

- The sponsor is managing the 2-1-1 call center in Birmingham, AL. A total of 5,000 calls are reported by Call Specialists into the 2-1-1 system daily.
- The United Way of Central Alabama VISTA sponsor in Birmingham, AL and Media General Inc. teamed up in a 22 hour telethon Wednesday, May 4 to raise money for victims of the deadly Alabama tornados. A total of \$700,000+ dollars were raised during the telethon.

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#### **Hale Empowerment Revitalization Organization AmeriCorps\*VISTA Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

The AmeriCorps sponsor is coordinating relief efforts in the affected communities of Hale County, Alabama where 32 homes were destroyed, 16 receiving severe damage and 6 fatalities are reported. VISTA members had had an incredible impact in coordinating relief efforts



**Calhoun County RSVP  
Jacksonville, Alabama**

The Calhoun County RSVP has opened a Volunteer Reception Center in the Ohatchee Alabama City Hall. RSVP volunteers are supporting relief efforts with distribution of supplies and feeding. The RSVP Volunteers have registered 700+ volunteers and have supported over 300 tornado victims.

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**Etowah County RSVP**

Etowah County RSVP is working closely with the Etowah County VOAD in coordinating volunteers and donations in the aftermath of this deadly disaster.

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**RSVP of Athens-Limestone County, Alabama  
Situation Update (as of 5/2/2011)**

The south end of Limestone County received major damage and the East Limestone area was destroyed. There were four deaths and miles of damage to property owners and businesses. VOAD/RSVP volunteers were activated by Emergency Management Agency on 4/28/2011. 25 volunteers operated the Volunteer Reception Center serving a total of 140 hours and 1100 spontaneous volunteers were deployed in Limestone County.

**National Preparedness & Response Corps**

NPRC host sites have deployed members to support American Red Cross efforts in the wake of tornadoes and flooding in the southern and central states:

- NEW York has deployed four members to Alabama
  - Philadelphia has deployed two members to drive their Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to Alabama
  - Chicago has deployed two members to Alabama to support feeding operations.
  - Springfield has deployed one member to drive the ERV from the Peoria, IL chapter to Alabama, and another member to work support shelter operations there, as well.
  - San Francisco has deployed two members to support the Safe and Well disaster survivor location program in Alabama.
  - NEW Orleans has deployed all five of their members to both Alabama and Mississippi to support a variety of Red Cross efforts in those states.
  - Santa Barbara has sent one member to Alabama to do casework.
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**Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)**

An AmeriCorps member serving in the Prevent. Prepare. Respond. - American Red Cross-Louisville Chapter, deployed for Alabama yesterday in an Emergency Communication Response Vehicle (ECRV). The ECRV is used to help disaster victims communicate with family/friends as well and has the capability of airing live via CNN and/or local airwaves.

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**COMPLETED NCCC Atlantic Region and Alabama Service Commission, Hands On Disaster Services**

Tuscaloosa, AL Thursday, May 5-23, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

Madison, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011



**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region & HERO**

Greensboro, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

Madison, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

Tuscaloosa, AL Wednesday, May 4, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and United Saints Recovery Project**

Tuscaloosa, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and United Saints Recovery Project**

Tuscaloosa, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and Bay Area Food Bank**

Theodore, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

Tuscaloosa, AL Monday, May 2, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**ARKANSAS**

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**Tornados**

**COMPLETED NCCC Southwest Region**

Fayetteville, AR April 27, 2011 - May 5, 2011

**COLORADO**

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**NCCC Southwest Region**

**Fort Carson, CO**

**Deployed: Sunday, May 22, 2011**

Five members of an NCCC team working in Colorado Springs, [CO](#) with the El Paso County Sheriff's Department were deployed on a fire on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. They worked at Fort Carson on a fire started by a lightning strike. The team was patrolling the perimeter and creating a 12-foot fuel break. Monday, the entire team conducted mop up of the fire (patrolled the burnt part of the fire; found warm spots and stirred the coals to ensure nothing was smoldering).

**GEORGIA**

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**Tornados-April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**NCCC Atlantic Region, Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism, and Spalding County Emergency Management Agency  
Griffin, GA**

An Atlantic Region NCCC AmeriCorps team was deployed to Spalding County Georgia to assist state emergency management crews assess the damage and begin the process of debris removal and residential area cleanup throughout the county.

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**Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism**

The Georgia Commission hosted a highly attended volunteer day on May 7<sup>th</sup> which had a large presence by local AmeriCorps members.

**ILLINOIS**

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**Flooding**

**Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps  
May 17-18, 2011**

Due to recent flooding, Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps members will be doing an AmeriCorps Week project that focuses on helping flood victims get back on their feet. They will be hosting a food and cleaning supply drive in which all items collected will be donated to flood victims in Cairo. AmeriCorps Members will be raising awareness of AmeriCorps with a Flood Recovery Service Project for Cairo, Metropolis, Cape Girardeau, and Carbondale. They will stuff a truck with cleaning supplies and nonperishable food items in Cape Girardeau and Carbondale.

**IOWA**

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**Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps program (ICAP)  
Storm Lake, Iowa**

Recent tornadoes left heavy damage to several communities in northwest Iowa. AmeriCorps members in ICAP who are serving at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, have volunteered with coordinating service projects in three counties (Sac, Buena Vista, and Pocahontas). AmeriCorps members have been sent mainly to farm homes, but have done continual projects in five specific regions. The members have also collected clothing, blankets and monetary donations to assist with the cleanup. On the university's day of service ("Buenafication" Day,) AmeriCorps members served as site leaders and led over 100 of their peers in tornado clean up. Projects are continuing and they send groups out sometimes daily. Their AmeriCorps members have been instrumental in direct service with the efforts, but also the behind the scenes work with coordinating service sites, follow ups, and mapping out projects.

**KENTUCKY**

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**Flooding**

**Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)**

Members are still responding in McCracken County as well as other counties in the Western half of the state. Members are all still supporting ARC disaster response efforts. .

**Homeland Security Corps (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District)**

All shelters in the area have been closed. 15 people were sheltered overnight during the flooding. Several hundred meals were served from shelters during the flooding. Members served day and night at shelters during the flooding. Several members assisted at shelters, with damage assessment and in distributing clean up kits for the Red Cross.

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**Senior Connections AmeriCorps Program (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District-GRADD)**

An AmeriCorps member at the Big Rivers Red Cross in Owensboro, KY has been sent to Paducah, KY for two weeks to assist with flood recovery. Several members have been involved in damage assessment for the Red Cross and Emergency Management in the region. This process will continue because as flood waters continue to recede more damage is revealed. Several members have also delivered Red Cross Clean Up Kits to residents affected by the flood. Several members at senior centers have had increased activity at their service sites to serve people affected by flooding.

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**Green River Area Development District (GRADD)**

AmeriCorps members and GRADD staff are volunteering at shelters in Owensboro, Henderson, in Union County, and in Calhoun at the Senior Center. All shelters are still fully operational.

**MINNESOTA**

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**VISTA**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Four VISTA members and one VISTA Alum are playing coordinating roles in the disaster response effort following a tornado in Minnesota that killed two Minneapolis residents and damaged many homes and businesses on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

**MISSISSIPPI**

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**Tornadoes-April 27, 2011**

**Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service Situation Update (as of 5/26)**

**Jackson, MS**

The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) launched a Flood Recovery Volunteer Registration program on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and over 800 individuals have registered. Individuals and volunteer groups interested in serving affected areas after flood waters recede may register online at [www.mcvs.org](http://www.mcvs.org) or call 888.353.1793 to register by phone. MCVS continues to work with local Emergency Managers in federally declared disaster counties to determine and address needs related to volunteers and donations management. In the weeks to come, pre-registered volunteers will receive notification of opportunities to serve Mississippi communities in need.

MCVS Deputy Director of Programs and Operations Brandi McNeil said, "Volunteer registration allows MCVS to maximize volunteers' impact by matching a group or individual's skills and availability to a community's immediate needs. MCVS works with state and local Emergency

Managers to ensure that volunteers can safely and effectively serve those with the greatest needs in times of disaster.”

To date, MCVS has documented over **7,600** tornado relief volunteers serving over **33,300** hours since Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, with Volunteer Reception Centers (VRCs) still active in four tornado-affected counties. VRCs, in coordination with MCVS and local Emergency Managers, are now scheduling volunteer groups for structured disaster recovery activities. All volunteers should call ahead to local VRCs to schedule volunteer work.

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**NCCC Southern Region  
May 15-16, 2011**

Twenty NCCC AmeriCorps members worked in the Vicksburg area around their campus providing flood-related work. Fourteen members served with Salvation Army at various locations, sorting donations at a thrift store, unloading trucks, and organizing a warehouse. Six members worked with the Vicksburg-Warren County Humane Society, assisting with an overwhelming number of pets and livestock displaced by the floods.

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**Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service**

In response to the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornados, the Commission has secured approximately 7,000 volunteers through 4 Volunteer Reception Centers. The Commission is currently supporting American Red Cross shelters and coordinating with the Disaster Recovery Center.

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**Natchez Sr. Corps**

Sr. Corps members are staffing a call center and working with seniors in the affected area.

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**Mississippi Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP**

Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are coordinating volunteers in Lafayette County, under the direction of the RSVP Program Director.

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**Mississippi Lauderdale County Senior Corps RSVP and United Way of East Mississippi, American Red Cross**

Volunteers are answering phones at the United Way of East Mississippi. RSVPs are also assisting the Red Cross as volunteers at the Union Baptist Church south of Meridian.

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**Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members at Piney Woods School  
April 30, 2011**

AmeriCorps State members from Piney Woods School worked with The Radio People for 12 hours on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, loading an estimated 100,000 pounds of supplies, water, and food onto a truck headed to Smithville, which was delivered to the MCVS VRC.

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**Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM)**

Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM) are assisting their communities in the response.

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**NEW COMPLETED NCCC North Central Region and Catholic Charities**

Monroe and Chickasaw Counties, MS May 17-30, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC North Central Region and Catholic Charities**

Monroe and Chickasaw Counties, MS, Aberdeen, MS Monday, May 17-27, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Atlantic Region and Delmarva American Red Cross**

Jackson-Clinton, MS Tuesday, May 10-23, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and City of Vicksburg**

Vicksburg, MS May 9, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and NECHAMA**

Smithville, MS Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and City of Vicksburg, MS**

Vicksburg, MS Wednesday, May 04, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region, NECHAMA, Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service**

Monroe County, Smithville, MS Sunday, May 1, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**MONTANA**

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**Statewide Flooding**

**NEW Montana State Commission, AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region, Montana Conservation Corps**

Programs are in communication and are on standby and ready to deploy their members as needed. AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region has been in communication with the MT State Commissions re: response to state-declared disasters due to flooding.

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**Richland/McCone RSVP**

RSVP Staff met with Red Cross to determine how they can help. The Health Department and other organizations will be purchasing generic flood kits to be distributed by volunteers. They will also be running PSAs and information on how to safely clean your flooded basement and other precautions. Links to sites listing flood information will be posted on the Health Department web and facebook page, as well as RSVP's facebook page. Volunteers will be activated to support efforts.

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**Area II RSVP**

RSVP is contacting the DES Coordinator in Wheatland County to see how they can help. They have already had several requests to help people move belongings to higher ground. Needs identified so far are sandbagging, helping with road blocks, getting information out, and potentially helping those needing to evacuate.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

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**North State Commission  
Bismark, ND**

North Dakota State Commission staff is helping sandbagging efforts in Bismark, ND in anticipation of significant flooding along the Missouri River.

**TENNESSEE**

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**Memphis AmeriCorps Members**

Members are volunteering their assistance with sandbagging, delivering meals, and volunteering at local shelters.

**Red Cross Rural Initiative**

- The state-wide Red Cross Rural Initiative project has generated 91 VISTA-recruited Red Cross volunteers in the Bradley (Cleveland), McMinn, Meigs Polk County region.
- Volunteers have received Red Cross training and 22 of them were/are active as a result of the recent tornado activity.

**Tennessee Campus Compact VISTAs  
Bradley County, TN**

Two VISTAs, currently serving with the Tennessee Campus Compact, have been involved in recovery and one VISTA member was asked by local EMA to be the point of contact for the county.

**Alexian Brothers-RSVP  
Chattanooga, TN**

RSVP has several volunteers working in disaster response at the Salvation Army warehouse. The RSVP project is collecting non-perishable food, water, etc.

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

Cleveland, TN Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

Cleveland, TN Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and American Red Cross of Tennessee**

Chattanooga, TN May 2, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**TEXAS**

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**2011 Hurricane Season**

**COMPLETED NCCC Southwest Region and OneStar Foundation, Inc.**

May 16-23, 2011

### **WYOMING**

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#### **Wyoming State Commission and NCCC Pacific Region**

AmeriCorps Pacific Region NCCC has been in communication with the WY State Commission re: response to state-declared disasters due to flooding. The WY Commission has been tasked with managing volunteers, and have indicated that they may need NCCC assistance in setting up/opening at least 3 VRCs; no official request has been received.

### **RESOURCES**

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#### **For interested volunteers in Missouri - Please relay the following important message:**

At this time we are not encouraging volunteers to self deploy. All interested volunteers should register and become affiliated with a nonprofit and work through such an organization. They should go to: [showmeresponse.org](http://showmeresponse.org) and or call the United Way at 800-427 4626. FEMA's website is updated with current info.

#### **For those working in flooded areas**

**MRSA** (Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), is a bacterial infection that is highly resistant to some antibiotics. The bacteria can cause infection when they enter the body through a cut, sore, catheter, or breathing tube. The infection can be minor and local (for example, a pimple), or more serious (involving the heart, lung, blood, or bone). So, if you are working with the flood waters, victims, or doing damage assessment, be very careful, wear gloves, wash your hands regularly, and try to NOT touch anything unless absolutely necessary.

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced the release of FY 2011 grant guidance and application kits for 12 DHS grant programs totaling \$2.1 billion to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, non-profit agencies, and the private sector in strengthening our nation's ability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

**Further information on DHS's preparedness grant programs is available at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) and [www.fema.gov/government/grant/nondisaster.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/nondisaster.shtm) .**

#### **State Service Commission Donation and Volunteer Coordination**

For information on how to donate or where to sign up to volunteer in response to the recent natural disasters, please visit your State Service Commission's website. The following State Service Commissions are coordinating donations and volunteer opportunities in their states.



Alabama <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

Hands On Birmingham is another good resource for Birmingham, AL  
<http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/>

Mississippi <http://www.mcvcs.org/>  
Illinois <http://www2.illinois.gov/serve/Pages/default.aspx>  
Iowa <http://www.volunteeriowa.org/>  
Tennessee <http://www.volunteertennessee.net/>

Note: If your State Service Commission is coordinating donations or volunteers and we have inadvertently left your name off this list, please email [dsu@cns.gov](mailto:dsu@cns.gov) with the relevant information and we will update the list in the next brief.

## MEDIA

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### **NEW** Volunteers Continue Recovery Efforts in Joplin

KMOX Radio (MO) May 30, 2011

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2011/05/30/volunteers-continue-recovery-efforts-in-joplin/>

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### **NEW** Arkansas Democrat Gazette, May 28, 2011 (Subscription Only)- Volunteers Respond Quickly

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2011/may/28/volunteers-respond-quickly-20110528/>

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### **NEW** Volunteer from Horseheads aids Joplin, MO. Tornado Victims

Star-Gazette (NY), May 28, 2011

<http://www.stargazette.com/article/20110528/LIFE12/105280325/Neighbors-Volunteer-from-Horseheads-aids-Joplin-Mo-tornado-victims?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

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### **NEW** Four AmeriCorps Teams Assist with Disaster in Joplin, MO

Youth Today, May 27, 2011

[http://www.youthtoday.org/view\\_article.cfm?article\\_id=4811](http://www.youthtoday.org/view_article.cfm?article_id=4811)

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### **NEW** In Joplin's shadow, small Duquesne, MO., vows to keep going

Kansas City Star, May 27, 2011

<http://www.kansascity.com/2011/05/27/2909437/in-joplins-shadow-small-duquesne.html>

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### **NEW** Survivor's needs is focused in Joplin

Disaster News Network, May 26, 2011

<http://www.disasternews.net/news/article.php?articleid=4194>

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**NEW Search for missing laborious in Joplin**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, May 26, 2011(Subscription Only)  
<http://www.arkansasonline.com/>

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**NEW Serve.gov blog post: Goodwill and Generosity About: How to help Joplin**  
[http://www.serve.gov/stories\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_servestories\\_id=562](http://www.serve.gov/stories_detail.asp?tbl_servestories_id=562)

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**NEW La Salle resident heads to Joplin disaster site**

News Tribune (IL), May 25, 2011

<http://www.newstrib.com/articles/news/local/default.asp?article=27800&aname=La+Salle+resident+heads+to+Joplin+disaster+site>

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**NEW Local Girl Helps Tornado Relief Effort**

WENY-TV (NY), May 25, 2011

<http://www.weny.com/News-Local.asp?ARTICLE3864=9159968>

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**NEW Tornado Kills 116 in Midwest Town in U.S.**

China Radio International, 05/25/2011

<http://english.cri.cn/6966/2011/05/24/45s639281.htm>

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**NEW Lessons Learned After Surviving Tornadoes**

NPR, Talk of the Nation, May 23, 2011

<http://www.npr.org/2011/05/23/136583954/lessons-learned-after-surviving-tornadoes>

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**NEW Bright Spots in the rubble: St. Louis volunteers finds small joys that ease Joplin's bigger pains**

St. Louis Beacon, May 26, 2011

<http://www.stlbeacon.org/region/110523-bright-spots-in-the-rubble>

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**NEW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Louis AmeriCorps Volunteer Crew Heads to Joplin For Tornado Clean-up**

KTVI-TV, 05/24/2011

<http://www.fox2now.com/news/kplr-ameriCorp-volunteer-st-louis-joplin-tornado-052311,0,7727662.story>

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**NEW "It's all rubble": Joplin's devastation amazes even seasoned volunteers**

St. Louis Beacon, May 25, 2011

<http://www.stlbeacon.org/region/110498-joplin-devastation-amazes-even-seasoned-volunteers>

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**Serve.gov blog post on AmeriCorps Joplin response**

[http://www.serve.gov/stories\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_servestories\\_id=563](http://www.serve.gov/stories_detail.asp?tbl_servestories_id=563)

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**CNCS Press Release on Joplin and AmeriCorps Response**

[http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_pr\\_id=1994](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=1994)

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**Washington Conservation Corps**

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2011/146.html>

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**Washington Conservation Corps**

<http://www.theolympian.com/2011/05/26/1665957/south-sound-sends-help-to-stricken.html?storylink=fb>

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**Missouri Makes Progress in Identifying Missing- AmeriCorps St. Louis**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/27/us/27joplin.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/27/us/27joplin.html?_r=1)

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**Rebounding From Congressional Efforts to Eliminate it, AmeriCorps is Making a Difference in Joplin**

Huffington Post, 05/26/11

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tamar-abrams/rebounding-from-congressi\\_b\\_867489.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tamar-abrams/rebounding-from-congressi_b_867489.html)

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**Hundreds of volunteers descend on Joplin, Missouri**

Los Angeles Times, May 26, 2011

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-tornado-volunteers-20110526,0,1884546.story>

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**NCCC Southwest Region Campus Joplin Deployment**

<http://www.newstrib.com/articles/news/local/default.asp?article=27800&aname=La+Salle+resident+heads+to+Joplin+disaster+site>

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**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

A tornado on Sunday, May 22, 2011 in Minnesota killed two Minneapolis residents and damaged many homes and businesses. Please see the following news story featuring VISTA member Jeweleen Jackson. Ms. Jackson, three other current VISTA members and one VISTA alum are playing coordinating roles in the disaster response effort.

<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/05/25/tornado-cleanup->

[volunteers/](#)

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**Rachel Maddow- The Maddow Blog**-Mention of AmeriCorps members setting up a national hotline.

<http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/05/23/6703140-missouri-and-minnesota-tornadoes-how-to-help>

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**AmeriCorps St. Louis Members Heading for Joplin**

<http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/260006/3/St-Louis-volunteers-heading-to-Joplin>

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**Record Snowpacks Could Threaten Western States**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/22/us/22snow.html?pagewanted=1&r=1&emc=eta1>

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**Yakima, Washington crew helping put Moline Acres, Mo., back together after nasty twister**

<http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2011/05/12/yakima-crew-helping-put-moline-acres-mo-back-together-after-nasty-twister>

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**NCS Press Release: National Service Response in Alabama**

[http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/NEWSroom/releases\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_pr\\_id=1978](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/NEWSroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=1978)

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[AmeriCorps joins other volunteers in fighting Miss. River flooding ...](#)

[Greenfield Daily Reporter](#)

Vicksburg for the past two years has been home to the southern region campus for **AmeriCorps NCCC**; the program is housed in a white-columned building that ...

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NY Times Article with NCCC Atlantic Region Member in a featured photo. Vicksburg, MS

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/16/us/16flood.html?scp=1&sq=AmeriCorps&st=cse>

## UPDATE

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### Thank You AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region!

The Southern Region NCCC members graduate this week, and all Southern Region teams have been brought back to the campus. Other NCCC Regions will be supporting response efforts in the Southern Region in the interim period. The new class of Southern Region NCCC Members will be ready to activate in late July 2011. We would like to thank the last Southern Region NCCC members and highlight a few of their accomplishments.

**Total Number of Projects:** 89 projects (106 assignments to 66 organizations)

**Total Hours Served:** 190,000

**April Tornadoes Disaster Response Projects:** These figures are the total quantifiabiles for all disaster projects related to the April Tornadoes. They include the response to the early April tornadoes in Leakesville and Clinton and the North Carolina Tornadoes. They also include all the response to the April 25<sup>th</sup> tornadoes and our projects in MS, AL, and TN

- People assisted in disaster areas: 26,459 people
- Tons of food collected or distributed: 118.5 tons
- Tons of clothing collected or distributed: 42.4 tons
- Disaster Service Facilities supported: 15 facilities
- People assisted at mass care facilities: 17,080 people
- Meals served in disaster areas: 13,408 meals
- Damage or needs assessments completed: 1,357 assessments
- Tons of debris or trash removed: 392.7 tons
- Volunteers recruited or coordinated: 845 volunteers
- Number of Sandbags filled or installed: 3,500 sandbags
- Youth assisted in disaster areas in conjunction with shelters or community centers: 346

**Project Quantifiabiles** (From Rounds 1-3; they do NOT include Round 4 accomplishments)

- Volunteers Leveraged – 7,417
- Acres of land and underbrush removed, or burned in prescribed fire burn to prevent fire – 318 Acres of land in which fire was suppressed or contained – 1,477 acres
- New homes built – 44 homes
- Homes renovated (also include for disaster victims) – 216 homes
- Miles of trail restored or constructed – 58 miles
- Tons of food collected inventoried or distributed – 287 tons
- Dollars returned to communities through tax return - \$100,758
- People assisted in disaster areas – 34,227 people
- Saved homeowners \$218,000 in energy costs

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#### **About CNCS DSU**

*The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) maintains a sustained commitment to disaster services through the Disaster Services Unit (DSU). The DSU is charged with coordinating the agency's activities (preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery) across departments and programs. The DSU has a strong focus on building external relationships with national, state, and local leaders from the nonprofit, government and private sectors that are critical to success in this field. The CNCS disaster services unit is housed within AmeriCorps NCCC but has agency-wide responsibility for coordination of CNCS disaster services activities.*

#### **Disaster Services Unit Website - Compiled Disaster Briefs can be found here!**

The CNCS Disaster Services website is now live! [http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role\\_impact/disaster.asp](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/disaster.asp)

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